

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE ST. MARY SCHOOL  
PAROCHIAL INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL  
TOURNAMENT ON  
THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 12, 2004*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the community in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the St. Mary Parochial Invitational Basketball Tournament. This is a remarkable milestone and I am proud to extend my sincerest congratulations to all of those involved in making this annual event such a great success.

What first began as a two-day event with eight competing teams has grown into the longest running and largest parochial school basketball tournament in Connecticut. In this, its 30th year, sixty teams from across the state will participate in a two-week long tournament that will also include a cheerleading exhibition. Over seven hundred boys and girls in grades three through eight will participate—making this year's tournament a real landmark event.

Each of the teams which will compete in the St. Mary Invitational have already accomplished so much. Through their hard work and efforts they have already learned one of life's most important lessons—the value of team work. Basketball, like all sports, teaches us the value of sportsmanship, camaraderie, practice, and commitment to excellence. These are skills which will serve these young people well as they begin to make a difference in the world. I am proud to extend my sincere congratulations and very best wishes to them all as they begin the tournament.

I would be remiss if I did not extend a special note of thanks to the many volunteers who so generously donate their time and energy to making this event possible. Coaches, parents, faculty, administrators, and friends all play important roles in bringing the St. Mary Invitational to life. Without your dedication, commitment, and energies, we would not be able to share this very special event with our young people. The fact that many of the adults who today volunteer their time to the tournament were once players themselves is testament to the legacy of this special event.

In its thirty-year history, the St. Mary Invitational has touched the lives of over fifteen thousand young people across Connecticut. It is with my deepest thanks and sincerest appreciation that I rise today to join the many well-wishers in extending my heart-felt congratulations to the St. Mary School Parochial Invitational Basketball Tournament on their 30th Anniversary. You have made such a difference in the lives of so many and I know that you will continue to leave an indelible mark on our community.

HONORING MARK F. GRADY, DEAN  
OF GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 12, 2004*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark F. Grady for his years of dedicated service to the George Mason University School of Law.

Dean Grady has been a pivotal member of the George Mason community for six years. Not only has Mr. Grady acted as dean, but also professor. Students enjoy his wisdom and expertise in the area of law.

As the dean of the School of Law, Mr. Grady has played an important role in the success of the school and its students. Through his guidance, George Mason has become the youngest law school ranked in U.S. News and World Report's top tier.

Under Dean Grady's direction, the School of Law has become a national leader not only of law but also economics and technology. In 1999, The National Center for Technology and Law was established. This center examines the causality of the existing legal structure and the society's evolving economy. Through this relationship, new fields of course work were created that allow the student to gain the necessary skills to succeed in both technology and communications.

George Mason School of Law is one of the most innovative schools in the country. Due to its emphasis on intellectual property, technology law and the legal application of economic methods, George Mason was also ranked in the top 10 in the nation for an outstanding faculty in law and economics in University of Texas Professor Brian Lieter's Ranking of Law Faculty Quality for 2003.

Mr. Grady should be honored and commended for his dedication to not only the School of Law but also the surrounding community. With his instruction and guidance, he has enabled Mason Law graduates to pursue careers in numerous fields and become successful attorneys who practice law with great distinction and honor.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Dean Grady for his years of service and dedication to George Mason University. His contributions and efforts are noted and greatly appreciated. I wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING SAMUEL CASEY  
SARTORIUS FOR ACHIEVING THE  
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 12, 2004*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Samuel Casey Sartorius, a very

special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 714, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Samuel has been active with his troop, participating in numerous scout activities. Over the 4 years Samuel has been involved in scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Assistant Patrol Leader, Instructor, and Senior Patrol Leader. Samuel holds such special scouting honors as Tribe of Mic-O-Say, God and Country, and World Conservation Award. Samuel holds 21 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, Samuel coordinated with the City of Camden Point and the American Red Cross to distribute smoke detectors to Camden Point residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending Samuel Casey Sartorius for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING LAWRENCE DENARDIS,  
PH.D. FOR HIS OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 12, 2004*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to one of our community's most outstanding leaders, and my good friend, Lawrence DeNardis, as he is honored by family, friends, and colleagues for his 13 years of service as President of the University of New Haven. Larry has dedicated a lifetime of service to the community and we are certainly fortunate to have been the beneficiary of his unparalleled compassion, generosity, and commitment.

For over a decade, Larry has been at the helm of the University of New Haven and under his leadership and direction the University has truly prospered. I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative educators, willing to help our young people learn and grow—Larry is just that kind of teacher. Larry has spent most of his professional career in higher education. For 16 years he served as Associate Professor and Chairman of Political Science at Albertus Magnus College, Visiting Professor of Government at Connecticut College, Guest Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars of the Smithsonian Institution, and seminar instructor at Yale University. His good work and diligent efforts to provide a quality education to his students has touched the lives of thousands of young people—going a long way in providing them with a strong foundation on which to build their futures.

Larry's outstanding record of contributions to education has been recognized both locally and nationally. Immediately prior to his appointment as President of the University of

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